



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

POLLUTION REPORT

DATE: January 24, 1986

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24 Hour Emergency

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POLREP NO.: Thirty-seven (37)
INCIDENT NAME: Duane Marine
SITE/SPILL NO.: 20
POLLUTANT: Contaminated Oil, Drums, and Tanks
CLASSIFICATION: Potential Major
SOURCE: Duane Marine, 26 Washington Street,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey
WATER BODY: Arthur Kill

1. SITUATION:

A. Same as stated in previous POLREP.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

A. During the period of January 20, 1986, through January 24, 1986, CECOS cut an opening into tank no. 27. The opening was approximately 8 ft. x 10 ft. and sufficient in size for cleaning.

B. CECOS attempted to use a "gradall" for the initial phase of sludge removal. A gradall is a special kind of telescopic shovel that can extend up to 30 feet. On Thursday, January 23, 1986, CECOS decanted several shovels full of sludge from the tank into a previously staged rolloff lined with 10 ml. polyethylene. The sludge was much less solid than anticipated and possessed a viscous oily appearance. This method of sludge transfer proved unacceptable and pumping into tankers will be attempted after the contents of the tank are mixed, sampled and analyzed.

C. CECOS sampled the contents from the rolloff as well as from the tank. The gradall was used to mix the contents of the tank for about 30 minutes. The samples are to be

analyzed by Syracuse Research, Inc. for a series of tests to determine whether disposal of the sludge is to be done by landfill or incineration utilizing either Chemical Waste Management, Inc. or Rollins, Inc.

- D. It should be noted that the Duane Marine site disposal work plan predate's EPA's June 6, 1985 CERCLA off-site disposal policy (requiring an EPA approved disposal site). This fact was stated to the private party in a letter dated August 13, 1985 from Margaret Thompson, Assistant Regional Counsel, EPA Region II, which informed them that the project is exempt from compliance with this policy.

3. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. EPA will continue to monitor the Duane Marine Site during Phase II cleanup operation.

B. Private party estimates project completion by March 1986.

CASE PENDING X
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